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Parker and Davis, The ticket to save us.

is the first campaign effort of the political poets. Washburn, the populist leader threatens opposition to the Demo-

cratic ticket, but notwithstanding this Colonel Bryan will support Parker and Davis, gold standard and all for harmony sake. The next issue of the Commoner will be awaited The Democratic national conven-

tion has settled the long controversy as to who shall be the candidates in the coming national contest. The platform has been adopted and the candidates named, who are Alton B. Parker of New York for President, and Henry G. Davis of West Virginia for Vice-President.

The issues between the two great parties are joined and it now awaits to be seen whether or not the Democracy has put forward a winning ticket. The indications are that we will go into the contest with the approval of an element that in the past two campaigns did not give the party support-theClevelandites and if Parker can draw to his support the Republican element in New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Connecticut, Indiana and Illinois that Cleveland would have drawn; this, with the certain solid South, will elect him. Just at present it looks as if the

Democratic party has about come together with a purpose to win. The head of the national ticket is a gold man, and notwithstanding this, such leaders as Bryan, Tillman, Williams and other former strong silverites ac- of the law.
All of which is respectfully submitted by the cept aim, not that they have re- grand jury nounced their principles, but that they believe the only hope of victory

If the Democracy should win, Senator Tillman will be an influential of six years to penitentiary or chainfactor. To the agreeable surprise of Sang.

As we went to press last week the conservative members in the conven- with homicide, was being tried and he picked up a pistol. tion, and it is largely due to his wise counsel that a stampede was prevented when a telegram was received bar and Capt. W. C. Davis. from Judge Parker with regard to his views on the money question. beginning of the case against S. M. Tillman is a practical politician who looks for results, and he wanted a man to lead the Democracy who Hon. J. H. Lesesne. The attendance could win and was therefore opposed was large throughout the trial which to clinging to the grave clothes of past dead issues. Tillman knows fuil well that Bryan's theories are beyond man. E. B. Felder, P. D. Carter, J.C. hope, the people have twice repudiated them, and he is opposed to marching up hill and down again J. N. Riggs.

Solicitor Wilson left nothing unwithout accomplishing anything, and a winner could not be had in the

ranks of the silverites. Senator Tillman predicted in a speech at Nashville nearly two years went into the room it was almost ago, that the next standardbearer unanimously expected that in a few for the Democracy would be a gold man who had been loyal to the party and his prediction has come true. His wise counsel and conservative course in that convention made him stronger in the nation than he ever of an greement. The foreman in was before, and if the party is successful Tillman will be the floor leader in the Senate, and a powerful infinence at the White House.

From now on Parker and Davis will be the Democratic shibboleth, and let us hope they will be triumphant at the polls in November.

COURT. PRESENTMENT.

To His Honor James Aldrich Judge Presiding at the July term of court for Clarendon

at the July term of court for Clarendon County.
The Grand Jury makes its presentment. The committee appointed to examine the public offices did the work from time to time in interim since the last term of court.

As to Supervisors office the committee determined to make a thorough investigation of the affairs of this office and to make their report to the grand jury and through them to the taxpayers of the county from their personal knowledge of the conditions, this investigation we have made and now report. We have segregated the expenditures of this office that the proportions of the different classes of expenditures may be apparent to every one there was

gated the expenditures of this office and and proportions of the different classes of expenditures may be apparent to every one there was some approved claims for the last fiscal year which had not been paid when the annual report was made up, the amounts of those claims are not included in the report 1st under the present laws applying to the Coroners office it pays a salary of \$200 and provision is made for the Maristrates to hold inquests and receive pay for the same on account of the inability of our late Coroner to discharge the duties of the office there was fees amounting to \$62.50 paid Magistrates for holding inquests making the cost of the work of that office \$262.50 the past year instead of \$200 as it should be. We call the attention of our delegation to the legislayear instead of \$200 as it should be. We call the attention of our delegation to the legislature to this defect in our present law that this

ot recur. Poor house and poor, at this time we are and Poor house and poor, at this time we are without a house or farm for the care of the county's poor, and we find the ammount expended on the poor of our county for the past fiscal year \$1083.76, it is the judgment of this committee that the good resulting from this expenditure has not been commensurate with the ammount expended. We do not censure the management of this fund but think a better system of caring for our poor should be devised. 3rd. Roads and bridges, the expenditures for these purposes as showed by the report ammounts to \$1754.54 this is considerably less than in former years because this work is now done to a great extent by the chaingang.

4th. Public buildings, as our Commissioners have had built during the past year an expenditure of the county of the chain of the commissioners have had built during the past year an expenditure.

th. Public buildings, as our Commissioners have had built during the past year an expensive jail building, the ammount expended \$7574.59 for public buildings has been unusually large, this amount except an outstanding claim of the Pauley Jail Building Company, for \$1600.75 now held by the Bank of Manning (funds for the payment of which will soon be available) represent practically the outstanding indebtedness of our county.

5th. Contingent expenses \$722.22 under this head are such item as damages for team falling through bridge, 211.00 paid the Penn Lumber Co. Interest \$172.45 paid the Sinking Fund on County loan of \$3500 for 1903, 90.00 for wood furnished county officers and 42.00 paid County Board of Education and minor items such as postage, etc. for County official business which it is not necessary to detail.

6th. Chaingang expensee, the amount \$4453.57 which the Supervisor's annual report shows expended for this branch of the County's service.

which the Supervisor's annual report shows ex pended for this branch of the County's service notably for groceries we find some items charged below current prices. In purchasing stock feed for chaingang mules which is a very heavy violent and dancerous man. item of expense, which is a very heavy item of expense we find that the Supervisor buys in

are regulated by law and must be written the limits of those provisions.

On examination of Sheriff's office we find by the showing of his books a satisfactory accounting for funds he handles.

We find that some of those whom he has deputised to act on tax executions have practiced such delay that in some of the townships the executions for fiscal year 1902 had not been acted on May 24th. 1904. We urge upon the Sneriff measures which will secure prompt returns on these mapers in future.

hese papers in future.
The Treasurer's office we find a model of accuracy and precision, the accounts of each fund being kept in such a clear and simple manner as make it a easy matter to become acquainted ith the condition of any account or fund or the inances of the county as a whole and all the work of the office is kept well up to date, we do not think it would be amiss to congratulate ir county upon its exceptionally good fortune having such a faithful and efficient servant in in naving such a faithful and emcient servant in the very important office.

A full examination of the books and accounts of the office of Superindent of Education show them to be in very satisfactory condition, the Superintendent has adopted a new form of keep-ing the accounts with the school districts which

is very simple and concise, and we are very much gratified to find the affairs of the nuch gratified to find the affairs of the schools throughout the county very flourishing, there is not a school district of the 24 which has not some funds to its credit, running from a few icollars to as much as \$600—in one case at the time of investigation we especially commend the attractive interior appearance of this official to the others for emulation.

once and recommend the example of this oracle to the others for emulation.

Upon examination of the bonds of the county officials we find them all safe and strong save those of Magistrates C. L. Griffin and H. B. Bateman, which should be strengthened.

The judge at May term of court emphacised the importance of the examinations, especially that of the Supervisor's office hence the length of this report.

The committee on chaingang reports as follows. May the 4th we visited the camp and found 13 prisoners. It working on road, one sick in camp and one cripple who did the cooking and waiting about camp. We found the cooking and Sanitary arrangements very unsatifactory, the cook's car was kept too near the prisoners cage and the sleeping arrangements for the guards was totally inadequate, the food prepared was very unwholesome. We wrote the Supervisor suggesting that these suggestions have visor suggesting that these suggestions have been compiled with as to care of prisoners, but not as to sleeping arrangements. W. E. KEELS.

Chairman of Co The grand jury reccommends that a tent be upplied for the guards of chaingang to sleep in and to occupy when not on duty.

This jury asks your Honor to direct the sherm to keep a pair of bloodhounds at the county

ail for the capture of any miscreant who canno pail for the capture of any miscreant who cannot be captured in the usual way.

Supervisor Owens complains of the telephone posts standing in the public roads and which with falling wires are dangerous to travelers and asks that your honor give some order to obviate this trouble.

We recommend that the proper official or officials have our pretty public square cleared of fleials have our pretty public square cleared of

We recommend that the proper official or officials have our pretty public square cleared of
the machinery garbage and bottles which make
it look untidy and discreditable.

We reappoint the same committee for any examination of public books and records deemed
necessary before the fall term of court.

And appoint as chainzang committee, for the
same time Messrs. J. E. Tomlinson, chairman,
W. O. Beard and A. C. Bradham, while the gang
is working in eastern section of county and if
their work takes them in the western or Southern section of county for any considerable
length of time the personel of this committee
will be changed by the foreman of the grand
jury.

We thank your Honor for your instruction and the counsel and courtesies shown us.

This jury heartily approves your Honor's course toward tardy and indifferent witnesses course toward tardy and indifferent witnesses and add that uneccessary delays and expenses of courts should be sedulously avoided by all Officials and participants in the proceedings.

y desire peace and order for the suppression of rime and to maintain the dignity and majesty

J. S. PLOWDEN. Foreman.

in a verdict of guilty, and a sentence

resulted in a verdict of not guilty The defendant was ably represented by Hon. M. L. Smith of the Camden

Thursday morning opened with the Youmans, charged with the killing of J. R. Keels. The defense was represented by Capt. W. C. Davis and lasted until Saturday night. Sixtyone witnesses were sworn.

The jury was: W. T. Lesesne, fore-Bryant, G. A. Cochran, Joel Benbow, H. A. Hodge, P. H. Broughton, G. A. Ridgill, A. S. Corbett, P. B. Hodge,

done, and he was ably met at every move by defendant's counsel. The arguments of counsel could not have been bettered, and when the jury minutes they would return with a verdict of "not guilty," but the jury Heard some one ask "who picked up hung, and continued to hang all the pistol." Had seen Keels drink just still disagreed. Judge Aldrich had them brought into the court room to tack Youmans. ascertain if there was any possibility formed him there was not, and to this the other jurors assented, even Mr. E. B. Felder, whom it is said was the only man that did not favor an acquittal. The judge asked if they wanted any of the testimony going to raise hell over there." read, or if any part of his charge was not plain to them. They said no, and after expressing himself about

the gravity and expense of mistrials in such cases and complimenting the hem he would not coerce a verdict, and ordered a mistrial to be entered upon the minutes.

Our information is that the jury n a few minutes after getting into ter, and this one man would not hear to any proposition looking for en-lightenment from the court, claimdid not assault the defendant. It is also said that Mr. Felder says he went to God in prayer and was by Him directed in his course. When Judge Aldrich was convinced of the utter uselessness of further detaining the jury, he discharged them, and ordered that a new bond be given by the defendant, which was done as soon as the papers could be prepared. Our space being very limited this week prevents us from giving our impressions of this trial. Counsel for the defense made magnificent arguments and the solicitor's efforts for

the State were superb. We give below a brief synopsis of some of the testimony for which we are indebted to Mr. John K. Breedin:

The first witness for the Sate was

oner, and found five wounds in front. One struck above the breast bone and went in, another struck just above that one between the second and third ribs and one leaving the edge of the rib passed into the abdominal cavity. Four in the path in front of the court house. Youmans accused Logan of being the stated that Keels' reputation was bad. found between the body and the shirt. The doctor said the wounds were necessarily fatal.

W. T. P. SPROTT. Was standing about 30 yards from the court house when his attention was attracted by pistol shots. He saw Youmans fire 3 shots in rapid succession, then the fourth shot. Keels stag-gered around a column and while falling the fifth shot was fired Heard it

violent and dangerous man.

JAMES E. KELLY Testified that on the day of the killing he was attending court and stated that while standing between two columns he heard Keels say: "You may shoot if you want to. I am unarmed." Three shots were fired in rapid succession. Keels was falling when Youmans fired the last shot. Keels was unarmed. The witness was about three feet from Youmans when the sheriff arrested

him. He heard Mr. Logan say: "Sim I guess you are satisfied." Youmans replied: "Well, you are the cause of it." Logan said: "Me. me. me?" Logan said: "Me, me, me?" Youmans: "Yes". Logan: "You are a G—d—liar." Witness said Keels made no movement as though to draw a weapon. He declared that if Keels had had a weapon he would have known it. He didn't see any attack on Youmans. He changed his position between the fourth and fifth shots and says that when Youmans fired the fith shot Keels was about third down.

W. M. LEWIS

was in attendance on the county convention on the day of the shooting. He was standing at the left of the court house with friends. He heard the fired the fitfh shot. He saw the sheriff arrest Youmans. He did not know Keels personally. He saw no weapon about Keels. He saw only the fifth

W. THEODORE KELLEY.

At the time of the killing witness walking with Mr. Rance Logan. As he walked under the porch of the court house he heard Keels say: "It's got to be settled." Saw Youmans fire three shots in quick succession. Keels threw his hands over his face. He saw Keels fall on his back. He saw the sheriff arrest Youmans. He told some one to close Keels' eyes. Keels had no weapon. Youmans endeavored to reload pistol. He heard the colloquy between Logan and Youmans. He knew nothing of the trouble which caused the shooting.

RANSOM L. LOGAN

was in town looking for Calvin White. His attention was attracted by some one touching his coat. While looking he heard a pistol shot and saw Youmans holding a pistol. Keels grasp the col-um and at the fourth shot release his He saw Youmans reload. He walked up and said "Sim, you are satisfied, I suppose," Youmans said, "You walked up and said staid. "You are a series of the law and the maintainance of order and pledges its aid to the properly commissioned officers of the law and to all citizens who truly desire teace and order for the sum of the law and to all citizens who truly desire teace and order for the sum of the law and to all citizens who truly desire teace and order for the suppression of the law and to all citizens who truly desire teace and order for the suppression of the law and to all citizens who truly desire teace and order for the suppression of the suppressio contradictions of statements. He denied that he offered Youmans \$100 to fight Keels naked or \$10 to fight him. He denied that he heard Keels curse Youmans, or say "It's got to be set-tled." He thought Keels was drunk. Witness didn't have a pistol but a small The case against Jesse Nelson for Witness didn't have a pistol but a small striking Mrs. Alfred Setzer resulted knife. He denied that he picked up a pistol dropped by Keels. He didn't hear Youmans appeal to the sheriff for protection as witness approach. He thought Youmans was trying to shoot all, the Senator was one of the most case against Mr. F. L. Collins, charged him. Denied that he told Berry that

> J. H. JOHNSON testified that he was nearby and saw the shooting. Didn't hear Keels curse Youmans or did he see any attack. Said that Youmans fired last two shots while Keels was supporting himself by holding to the column.

> NEIGHBOR MITCHUM. Saw Youmans draw a pistol and fire shots in rapid succession. Last two shots were fired while Keels was grasping the column. Swears that Keels had no weapon and that none was found.

J. H. TIMMONS. Saw Keels walk up to Youmans and strike at him or grab at his face. Heard no words. Saw no weapon about Keels but expected him to draw a pistol. Know Keels' reputation was that of a dangerous man.

J. W. BROWDER. Was on the spot and heard Keels say Youmans is a God damned thief. He then heard the shots. Heard colloquy between Youmans and Logan.

W. H. BAKER.

Arrived on scene as Keels was falling. Heard some one say: "Look for a pistol." The reply was "Mr. Logan a pistol." The reply was "Mr. Logan has got his pistol." Keels asked wit-

JOHN J. BARFIELD. Was standing near court house steps jury upon their intelligence, he told ness' feet. Says that he was in position to see and swears that Keels was Keels was nearly down when the 5th, shot was fired. Didn't see Keels strike and one for conviction of manslaugh- mans said to sheriff "They are going to cut and shoot me."

BILLY DYSON stated that he was present when shootweapon and made no movement as up a pistol. Witness says Keels wasn't

down when last shot was fired. ISREAL JAMES was sianding by a column in front of fired just as soon as he caught Keels'

witness' coat. JOHN C. DURANT.

Was in court house when first three shots fired. Said Keels reeled around and grasped at column at the fourth shot. Witness said to Youmans "Simeon don't shoot any more, he is dead already," but Youmans fired an-other shot. Heard the words between Youmans and Logan. Witness said he was within two feet of Keels and saw Who testified that he examined no weapon, but admitted that one or while he was falling. He unbreach-keels' body at the request of the cor-oner, and found five wounds in front was not falling when last shot was who came up. Logan then came up

bassed through the body and were The last two shots were fired while cause of the trouble. "Great God Al-Keels was staggering around the col- mighty take that man off from here, umn. He saw no weapon about Keels. said Logan. Logan didn't curse him He was only about 12 feet from Keels until he was in the sheriff 's office. He when the first shot was fired.

that Keels may have had a pistol but the throat and stab him. He fired the he didn't see it.

identified exhibited clothing as that worn by Keels at the time of the shootsaid that Keels would have fired if ing. He testified that at the request of Youmans had not done so first, but saw the solicitor he prepared the body for no weapon about Keels. Did not see burial. He indicated the wounds on Keels attack Youmans. When arrest- the deceased, that there were five ed Youmans was trying to reload his wounds in Keels' back instead of four pistol. Had known Keels for 10 years as stated by Dr. Brockinton. SHERIFF DAVIS.

Sheriff J. Elbert Davis had just expense we find that the Supervisor buys in carlots with only brokerage Commissions of only 14 to 14 per cent on wholesale cost prices.

J. E. TOBIAS. | reached the sidewalk on his way to din-testified that he and Magistrate You-his one strong only 14 to 14 per cent on wholesale cost prices. | Was standing nearby and witnessed | ner when his attention was attracted by | mans occupied the same office. About | mans.

Said that Youmans fol- pistol shots. He turned and ran to- a month before the shooting Keels the tragedy. Said that roumans loting our supervisor who has the purchasing of
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7th. The post mortem and lunacy claims amount to \$883.87 for the year 1903 these charges are the cause of it." Logan replied: "You are a damned liar." Witness On examination of Sherif's office we find by reached the scene almost immediately after Keels fell and assisted in searching for funds he handles.

8aw Keels fall. When he approached Youmans was making an effort to re-load. He took the pistol from Younans. Youmans said "Give me my pistol." The sheriff and that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he would expect a communication on the mans. Youmans said "Give me my pistol." The sheriff and the had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. Keels further said that he had better not bring it back. ing Keels but found no weapon and you protect me? Here is a man ready and Keels abruptly began to question states that Keels made no movement as to shoot me to death." The sheriff Youmans about the mule. He dethough to draw a weapon. Does not then saw Logan. He relates the collo- manded to know what Youmans inknow whether or not Keels attacked quy between Youmans and Logan. He tended to do about the mule. Youmans gave Youmans into the custody of his said that he had had no business with deputy while he returned to the scene. Keels, but would talk if Keels would

He sent Youmans to jail, empaneled a be reasonable. Keels had been drinkjury and Magistrate A. J. Richbourg ing. Witness and Keels sat on the held the inquest. The sheriff stated that when he look-"Jim I just can't live under it. Go tell Youmans to get a pistol and let us step ed Logan had his hand in his side pocket. Just before the difficulty Keels 10 steps and settle it." He saw some was in the sheriff's office and while thing projecting from Keels' pocket, there wrote a letter. Keels read to the which he thinks was a pistol. Knowsheriff a letter to him from Youmans ing that Keels had addressed a letter and also one he intended to send to Youmans, witness intercepted a let-

Youmans. letter to him but the sheriff refused. Youmans.' Some time afterwards the witness saw Keels on the street with the letter in his hands. The sheriff didn't see Browder, another witness. Keels had been drinking. Keels' reputation was bad. On the morning of the killing the sherig had warned Youmans to keep away from Keels.

Here the State rested.

DEFENDENT YOUMANS. Magistrate S. M. Youmans, the defendent, stated that he is 28 years old and has a wife, mother and child to support and now lives in Manning near where Keels lived. At the time of the shots and saw some one running. When killing he lived at the other end of the he turned he saw Youmans standing on town. He has lived here four years the court house steps. Keels was reel-ing around a column. Then Youmans a home. About the 10th of March a home. About the 10th of March Keels paid Youmans an account due by a negro for a mule and sent to him for the mule. He noticed no change in Keels until the 23rd of March. Keels advanced to the negro the amount due Youmans. Youmans received a due bill from John R. Keels, "Due Joe Evans \$10 rebate on mule." He wouldn't let the negro have credit until Keels guaranteed payment. On the 23rd of March Youmans went to his office. Keels had been there very angry. He was informed by the judge of pro bate that Keels had put the mule back into his (Youmans') yard and Keels had said if Youmans fooled with him (Keels) he be d-d if he wouldn't kill him. On the next day he found Keels in his office. Keels said, "I'll be d-

The Judge of probate started to leave. Keels said, "Stop, see it out."
"What do you mean to do?" Youmans said. He had no transaction with Keels but with the negro. Keels angrily demanded the return of the mon-Youmans refused. Keels made ey. a motion. The judge of probate or-Keels, I do not care to have anything to do with you." Keels as he left glared at Youmans, and moving his coat displayed a pistol. He was informed by the judge of probate that Keels wanted him to step off ten feet and shoot it out. Youmans then went home. He wrote to Keels to get his mule as he had paid for it. Keels told Windham that if Youmans tried to put it back in his lot

t would not be good for him. Youmans' note was offered in evidence. The solicitor objected. The Aldrich sustained the objection. Capt. sheriff was put on the stand to identify the letter was admitted. Youmans took the stand again. Capt. Davis read the the note to the jury. Youmans re-ceived no reply. He was informed by many that Keels had written a reply and was told by Windham that Keels was looking for him and had written a very insulting note. Youmans stayed away from the court house until after being informed that Keels had left. As Youmans approached the court house he saw Rance Logan who asked, "What's the matter with you boys?" "Nothing." Youmans replied Logan said "By G- there must be something." Further remarks were made by Logan. of Sumter county knew Keels for a He told Logan he wouldn't take any innumber of years. Keels reputation for sult from Logan or his boys. He only wanted Logan to leave him alone. He turned and walked off. Logan followed. declaring that he was Youmans' friend.

Several laughed and Logan, enraged, repeated his offer to fight fairly. On the way from breakfast next morning he met the sheriff, who reported that Keels had gone to Salem. Several days later he met Mr. Davis conversation between Logan and Berry. who told him that Keels and Logan He heard Logan reply to a question were near. He passed Keels and asked by Berry, "Yes I picked up a spoke. Keels replied, "Good morning." Keels sued Youmans for money was it?" paid for a mule. When sober Keels spoke politely and only threatened and abused when drunk, He was warned by J. W. Heriot that Keels had been in store armed and making threats. the pistol." Had seen Keels drink just Youmans was not armed when he heard Sunday morning found them before shooting. Keels said "shoot, I the threats. He borrowed a pistol sagreed. Judge Aldrich had am not armed." Said Keels didn't attrought into the court room to tack Youmans.

The borrowed a pistol the threats. He borrowed a pistol from a deputy sheriff. The deputy sheriff had told him on two occasions was in town several days after the sheriff had told him on two occasions was in town several days after the sheriff had told him on two occasions. that he had better look out for Keels. shooting and heard Jones say he knew Windham told him of numerous threats. nothing about the shooting. Witness Keels would say, "There is bad blood was not in town on the day the tragedy between Youmans and me." He was was enacted. Had seen Jones' affidavit warned by W. P. Hawkins to avoid published before this conversation with Keels. He knew of Keels having shot him. Bowman, the trouble with Hanesworth and others. Keels had told Youmans that he had agreed to fight Bowman and that Bowman had surrendered his his pistol. (The State here objected.) when Keels passed, walking rapidly. He knew that Keels had whipped old Saw Youmans fire. Keels fell at wit man Dave Welch and thereby inflicted mortal wounds. Keels had told Youmans of the trouble he had been in in unarmed. Heard Logan and Youmans the west. He met Auditor E. C. Dick- ant. Jones told him that he knew colloquy herein reported. Said that son who warned him that Keels was nothing about the case. He said that making threats. Coming to the court when it was said that Theodore Kelly house he saw Keels who glared at him. could give some account about the the room stood eleven for acquittal Youmans but thinks that he did. You- Youmans stopped. Keels continued to killing Jones said "Theodore Kelly glare at him. Youmans started off to- was with me: he doesn't know anything ward the bank and stayed off some about it." time. On his return he stood in the door looking for a lawyer. Keels came and the law, and that the deceased ing occured. Says Keels had no to the door and then made a movement toward him and a motion and said though to draw one. Saw no one pick something he didn't hear. He asked a a bystander what Keels had said. The bystander had said, "Youmans is a Gd-d thief. He walked out and spoke to one or two and leaned against the court house door looking for Mr. Weinthe court house and saw Keels come berg, an attorney. Something down out of the court house. Said Youmans the path attracted his attention. He fired just as soon as he caught Keels' then saw Keels coming rapidly down eye. Nothing was said. The ball passed through Keels and penetrated no attention to Keels. Keels rushed at standing in the door of the court him, striking out and shouting, "G-house, heard shots and saw Keels stagden you" Keels struck twize and called, "Shoot me now if you can, I am some one say: "Don't pick that thing armed," and threw his haud to his hip up, leave it right there." He does not

stab him. He followed Keels around Keels' reputation was very bad. the column to see what he was doing. He did not shoot Keels on the ground and stooped over Keels and as he pistol. He got behind the sheriff and asked for his pistol for protection. the day of the county convention. stooped Youmans saw Logan with a When the first shot was fired, was asked for his pistol for protection. the day of the county convention. He fired because he feared death. He fired In the affidavit for bail the witness one, two, three, and four shots because said Keels had no weapon. He says he feared Keels would clutch him by

fifth shot because he saw Keels' pistol. He didn't see Keels clutching at the post. As Keels went around the column Youmans saw Keels' pistol. Logan was the first man on the scene. The pistol dropped after the fifth shot. Redirect examination: The defendant testifies that he had been informed by Mr. Shelby Davis that Keels had bought a dirk. He says that Mr. Kelly did not put his hand on his shoulder.

J. M. WINDHAM

ter and kept it until late in the after- walk off. Was present when sheriff

W. P. HAWKINS.

W. P. Hawkins testified that he and Keels were schoolmates. While talking to Mr. Hawkins, Keels mentioned the trouble with Youmans. Mr. Hawkins advised Keels to be careful. Keels replied. "I can shoot as fast as he can." While under the influence of whiskey Keels was a dangerous man.

RUFUS BRUNSON.

He saw Keels standing in front of the court house and heard him say that he would allow no man to take his rights Keels' pistol. Says he heard colloquy away and his money. He would die

E. B. GAMBLE.

At the instance of John R. Keels, had served papers in a mule case on Youmans. Keels was in the sheriff's office when he left. Keels of shooting. Ran to the scene of shoottold witness that the trouble between him and Youmans would not be settled in the court but on the ground.

E. C. DICKSON. On the day of the killing heard Keels say that - Youmans was a thief

and had robbed his wife.

dered him out. Youmans said, "I door and saw Mr. Weaver with a dirk would rather you would leave, Mr. in his hand. He saw Logan stooping,

and agreed to fight it out fairly, each to surrender a pistol. When it became evident that Bowman would be victor, Keels drew a pistol and shot him.)

ALBERT H. WEEKS is assistant chief of police of Sumter. Has held that position 37 years; had known Keels for 25 years and knew his reputation to be that of a dangerous

SHERIFF SCARBOROUGH vindictiveness was very bad. E. R. PLOWDEN,

witness, knew Keels' reputation for treachery and revengefulness to be G. S. OGG.

State detective, was in Manning shortly before the shooting and heard a pistol, but the question is whose pistol

had a conversation with Mr. Logan. He said to Mr. Logan: "I understand you tween brother and Youmans. Witness picked up a pistol. Owing to discus- testified that Prevatt told him that sion between counsel the question was not answered.

he wasn't present and knew nothing.

J. R. Jones was recalled to prove that not answered.

H. L. Tobias rents from the defend-

JOHN STEPHEN EVANS at time of shooting was standing on court house steps very near the parties His attention was first attracted by couldn't get in. He heard a colloquy between Youmans and Logan. Wit ness says that Keels staggered around the column after the third shot. He Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablian's ness says that Keels staggered around

didn't see Keels strike at Youmans. S. W. MCINTOSH. pocket. Youmans then shot. When know what was referred to. He heard he fired the last shot he said, "Lord Keels say, "G- d- you" before the help him." He expected up to the first shot. As Keels fell one hand was fifth shot for Keels to draw a dirk and in or near his hip pocket. He knew

> was in town on the day of the killing and a few days before the killing witness was sent by Mr. Keels to purchase a dirk. He did so.

W. H. WOODS.

Was in town on day of the shooting as a delegate to the county convention. At the time of the first shot he was across the street. He reached Keels just as he fell. He heard the question Where is Keels pistol? Some one has picked it up. Court adjourned on account of the illof Capt. Davis. ED. RHODES

stand, in which he employed Jake
Plowden. Keels was frequently at
Rhodes'place. Keels said to him, "Youmans has stolen my money and by G—
I reckon I'll have to kill him yet."

W. E. JENKINSON,
President. Keels frequently drank liquor at Rhodes' restaurant and when drinking his one subject for discussion was You-

J. W. HERIOT.

Knew Keels quite well. Saw Keels about two weeks before killing. Keels told him that future plans depended on decision of his case with Youmans. Said "Youmans is such a damned lying secundrel I don't know whether the case will be decided in court or not."
Witness warned Keels not to make trouble. Keels said: "God damn it, I can shoot as fast as Youmans." then exhibited his pistol. Witness washed body of Keels and saw wounds. Thinks that a certain wound was inflicted while Keels' hand was near or in his hip pocket. Solicitor here exhibited clothing worn by deceased and found bullet with anything needed. holes as stated by Mr. Heriot.

J. B. PREVATT. Witness was near court house when first shot was fired. Ran towards court house. Arrived just as Keels fell. Saw Rance Logan pick up something and Magistrate Youmans was at dinner so noon. Keels repeatedly asserted arrested Youmans. Knew nothing of Keels asked the sheriff to deliver the "there is bad blood between me. and the origin of the trouble.

CHARLES F. JENKINSON. Witness street commissioner of Manding at time of killing. About a week before court had a conversation with Keels about Youmans. Keels said "God damn him, the next time we meet face to face one of us will have to die.' Was looking for Mr. Youmans at time of shooting. Saw Keels rush at You-mads and strike him. Youmans warded

blows off. Keels renewed theattack, clutching at Youmans thoat. Keels drew a pistol and dropped it when Youmans fired 5th shot. Saw Logan run up and pick up between Youmans and Logan. Witness ordered Logan to leave pistol on ground intending to return for it but

saw Logan take it. JOHN J. EPPS was in store near court house at time ing. Saw C. F. Jenkinson there. Saw Journal in custody of sheriff.

JALLY WARR. Witness was a few rods from court house at time of shooting. Hurried to scene and saw Rance Logan stoop and pick up what witness thought was a pistol. Logan carried pistol away.

M. C. BUTLER.

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shelby L. Davis

testified that he was a clerk in a hardware store and that Keels asked to examine a certain dirk about three incheslong that afternoon. Jake Plowden purchased the dirk.

H. M. Mims.

H. M. Mims grand juror on day of the shooting. At the time of the shooting the witness was in the grand jury room. His attention was attracted by a quick movement, and looking he saw Mr Johnson running from the scene of the shooting. Witness went to the door and saw Mr. Weaver with a dirk in his hand. He saw Logan stooping, but quickly straightening he moved off as short way and witness saw a pistol in Logan's hand. When witness first saw Keels he was in a shooting affair with Bowman.

P. G. BOWMAN

Ilives in Sumter and formerly lived in Bishopville. Knew Keels about 18 years. Keels reputation he knew to be that of a violent man. Capt. Davis asked Bowman about a particular act of treachery. Solicitor objected. Judge Aldrich sustained the objection. Capt. Davis excepted. (The evidence declared inadmissible is that 18 years ago Bowman and Keels had some trouble and agreed to fight it out fairly, each to surrender a pistol. When it became

Windham. Returned letter to Keels who destroyed it. In this letter Keels denounced Youmans as a "dirty stink-Mrs. Youmans, mother of defendant, testified that defendant is her only son and support (sobbed and left cour

room.) H. L. JOHNSON. Knew Keels. Testified that Keels was a good criminal lawyer. Keels reputation very bad indeed. Had known Keels 15 or 20 years. STATE IN REBUTTAL.

R. M. Johnson, said C. F. Jenkinson was not present at time of shooting but was talking to him. C. M. Mason, testified that C. F. Jenkinson told him, that he was not present at time of shooting.

A D. Cannon, said he was present

when Jendinson told Mason he was not present. J. B. Steele, said that Prevatt told him that he dind't know any of the particulars.

Isaac Keels, resident of Kingstree, brother of the deceased, received first intelligence of his brother's by telegram. Had heard of no trouble behe did know something about the case. R. L. Logan-Logan says: "I swear before God almighty that I never seen a pistol except one-Youman's."

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